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WILLIAM ROBERTSON TRIGG.

It is with great sorrow that we an-William R. Trigg. Though his health had been had for a year and his condition for a week or more had been alarming, yet withal the dread summons comes as a great shock. It is not too much to say that the death of no other man would cause more universal sorrow, in every sphere of life, in the city of Richmond than does the death of Mr. Trigg. His acquaintance and fellow-workers were to be found in every class pt society, and by all was he beloved. a sketch of his life, and we will not remere recital of the leading events in a man's life often falls to give a correct conception of his real character and influence. Such is the case in this in-

Mr. Trigg was a Virginian through and through, and never for an instant wished In be anything else. Absence from his rumstences, was to him only exile. He and loved her with a passionate devotion His labors in financial and industrial fields were all inspired by a longing to do something for the South, but, a all, for Virginia. He had an abiding faith in the ability of his people to do what any other people could do under the same circumstances, and, perhaps, to to it better. This faith not only suslained him in many severe trials, which would have cast down a weaker spirit, but enabled him to encourage and hearter others.

It was Mr. Trigg who first formed the ides of converting the Tanner & Delaney Engine Company into a locomotive works, and who not only equipped them so that he actually built eighty-eight engines in one year, but by his energy sent them to all parts of the United States and to foreign countries. It was Mr. Trigg who conceived the idea of erecting a shipbuilding plant in Richmond. The magnitude of | labors in accomplishing this must have tended to shorten his life-but he has so far developed the plant that a lasting monument to his memory will remain. His country, will be handed down as that of one of the most progressive and pub-Ac-spirited citizens Richmond ever had. these remarkable business abilities Mr. Trigg added the most charming personality. Genial, buoyant and bubbling with humor, he was withal very sensitive and as a true gentleman was most considerate of others. He never wounded anyone's feelings, and had the faculty of winning the affection of all servants, which can only be done by graciousness without familiarily-a distinguishing mark and peculiarity of the thoroughbred

As a raconteur he had few equals and his faculty for seeing the humorous side of things was a source of amusement to himself and delight to his friends

Though he made no display of piety and forebore "the rigid feature," he was of a deeply religious nature and no one ever heard, from him anything which dis paraged the faith he was taught by his mother. With his favorite poet, Burns, he thought.

"An atheist's laugh is poor exchange

Men make a city. Where can we look for another to do further for Richmond what has been done by William R.

_____ BETTER NOW THAN LATER.

We are gratified to see that Alahama has decided on a bill to regulate child labor. This is a great victory for the advocates of the measure, for it was a long fight and the opposition was strong The fight for the bill was led by the Rev. Edgar Gardner Murphy, of the Southers Education Board, who prepared a pamphlet on the subject and made one of the strongest arguments in behalf of such legislation that we have seen,

The factory has wrought a revolution In the South. Before the war we had n problems of this character, because we had no factories and, as the Rev. D. Wines said recently in this city, discipline of labor was largely a home affair each plantation owner regulating it for himself. But the factory brought prob lems to us, as it brought problems to the North long ago, and we must take these problems up as they come and solve them We have an advantage over the North for we are in position, if we will, to profit by their experience and to avoid the mistakes which they made. If we fail to benefit by the North's experience it will be our own fault. Virginia is now a manufacturing State and her manufac turing enterprises are growing rapidly The factory problems are ours, and it is our business to address ourselves to them intelligently and conscientiously and find the best solution possible. We must have a law to regulate the employment children in factories, and the some we enact such a law the sooner the factori er the friction will cease. It is, in our opinion, a great mistake for the factories to oppose the very reasonable bill which Delegate Cabell has introduced. The men who conduct these factories are sensible men and they must read in the signs of the times a demand throughout Virginia for such a law. If the law does not come

tories will be in a state of uncertainty until final action is taken. It is better, therefore, for the factories to take time by the forelock, to meet the situation at once and to put an end to the agitation. to play the part of host. Business men can stand almost anything better than they can stand unpatiality and agitation. It is the part of wisdom to accept the bill which Mr. Cabell has proposed and settle the question now, ouch for all.

It is not necessary that this bill shall go into effect at once. The factories might be given a reasonable time to make the readjustment, but we insist that it is to the interest of the factories themselves that the bill be passed at this session of the Legislature and the whole question settled, so that all persons interested may know what to expect. We urge this phase of the question upon the representatives of the factories as well as upon the members of the General Assembly. There is no use in resisting the the officers of the law. inevitable or even staving it off another day. It is coming as sure as fate, and the sooner it comes the better. Moreover we should like to see Virginia take the initiative, or at least be among the first States to make this regulation. We do not want to see her lag behind and final ly be forced to fall into line.

SCIENCE AND CHARITY.

Some people may have formed the ide that the purpose of the Virginia Conference of Charities and Correction is to stimulate alms giving. On the contrary the purpose is to discourage alms giving, and that was the general trend of the dis cussion in the meeting which was held nere during the present week. Its purpose in part to promote charity, bu charity is not alms giving. Charity, as Mr. Glenn, of Baltimore, so aptly ex plained, is not pity but sympathy, and those who have the true spirit of charity in them will seek to lift men up by ex ending the right sort of help; whereas alms giving from a serie of pity tends to drag men down and destroy their char

St. Peter had this idea, well in mine and in heart when he met the beggar in front of the temple. "Gold and silver have I none," said he, "but such as have freely give I unto you." He then extended his hand and lifted the man or his feet and put confidence in him and gave him another chance in life. Had he given him instead a piece of money, the man would have continued to be impotent and would have continued to be a beggar. As it was, he was enabled to make living for himself and to be independent The apostle not only restored his power of locomotion but restored his manhood. Alms giving is a very cheap sort of charity, if It be charity at all. It is a small matter to tip a beggar with a quarter or half-dollar. It is quite another matter to give the beggar one's sympathy, to lift him up and give him the power to stand alone. By giving alms ndiscriminately and without intelligent direction, we are sure to encourage beggar in beggary, and so aid them in ruining as giving whiskey to the drunkard.

Mr. Glenn, of Baltimore, has made was subject a study of years and consecrated himself and his fortune to charity, even going so far as to take up his residence among the poor, among those who need iclp. There are many kind-hearted people who say that it is better that nine imposters should receive an aims on request than that one truly needy person should go away empty. Mr. Glenn de clares that the reverse of this proposi tion is true; that it is better that nine needy persons should be turned away than that one imposter should be encouraged. For the needy persons, if in deed honest, will soon in this humans world find relief in one way or another whereas the imposter will be encouraged by receiving gifts to continue in his evi way. In all such work the prime object should not be merely to relieve bodily distress but to improve the morals of those to whom charitable organizations admin-

ister and save their souls. In fine, the aim of the Virginia Cufer ence of Charities and Correction is to apply scientific Frinciples to alms giving, to profit by the experience of others and to lift up rather than to drag down those who are served. So that, instead of being sentimental, visionary sert of organiation, it is an organization thoroughly practical and scientific and it is destined to do great good in this State in developing among the people that charity which the Apostle declared to be the greatest of all virtures.

THE WESTMORELAND.

The annual meeting of the Westmer land Club held last night was not only an event interesting in itself, but was signalized by the opening of the new part of the house in which provision has been made for additional lodging rooms for out-of-town members; larger dining and billiard halls and a sun perfor and ladies' cafe. Room has members who are compelled to stay to the city to face the heat of summer may hie o'nights and be cooled by the river

The widespread fame of the Westmore and is in no small measure due to its hospitality, and it will be better equipped hereafter than ever before to exercise that characteristic trait. In an exits efforts to bring as much as possible of Virginia home life into the club. It has "a homely atmosphere" and home like comforts.

The good that this club has done our community is incalculable, yet is little understood. Somewhere about one-half of the members are non-residents of Rich. mond and nearly every one of them is fond of coming to the club. There they meet and have leisure to talk to representative citizens and under circumstances favorable to the removal of many of the misunderstandings which prevail between residents of Richmond and of other Virginin cities; between city people and country people. Rehmond is indebted for come of its staunchest friends in position of influence to friendships formed in the Westmoreland Club.

There are other excellent clubs here We do not forget them, but the passing now it will come by and by, and the fac- moment suggests these coservations on-

the Westmoreland. Its age and dignity commend it and it must be a matter for public congratulation that it has put itself upon a better footing than ever before

WEST VIRGINIA INCIDENT. It was sinted in the papers of yesterday that the West Virginia Legislature would investigate the alleged assault upon Mr. W. G. Caldwell, a member of that body. There ought to be an investigation, and it ought to be made as promptly as possible. It is charged that this gentleman, while driving peaceably hack, was set upon by a son of Senator Hanna and some of his associates and savagely assaulted. It is further charged that the assailants were permitted to escape in a private car beyond the borders that this was done at the connivance of

The whole story has an ugly aspect, and, while vigorous denials are made by Mr. Hanna's party, the facts should all come out. If these men committed an assault, as alleged, they should have been arrested at the time and punished, and if hecause of their money and influence they were permitted by the officers of the law to escape justice, the offense is greatly aggravated.

The statements are conflicting, and at this distance we do not make charges, but we hope, in the interests of law and order, that the whole ugly story will be probed to the bottom, that the facts will be made public and that the men, !f guilty, as alleged, will be punished as they deserve.

A CONTEMPORARY'S TAUNT,

A CONTEMPORARY'S TAUNT,
The Richmond Times-Dispatch does not
undertake to deny the accusation we
have made against it of flagrant inconsistency in denouncing Mr. Roosevelt
for acts which it has condoned in M.
Cleveland. Perhaps The Times-Dispatch thinks by ignoring the charge it
can continue in this course; but we serve
notice on it that it shall confess, deny,
discontinue, or be constantly reminded of
its inconsistent position. And the public shall be kept informed, as far as
we are able to accomplish, in an humble
way, that end.—Tazewell Republican.
Our contemporary has not been dis-

creat in the method it has adopted to draw out The Times-Dispatch. We were tempted to throw this clipping into the waste basket when it was passed up to our desk, for we do not like the tone We receive many papers in exchange and it escaped us that the Tazewell Republican had raised this question and charged The Times-Dispatch with inconsistency. We suppose it refers to the fact alleged that President Cleveland invited negroes to public receptions at the White House. We do not approve all that President Cleveland did, and we do not set up at his champion. But there is this marked difference between the attitude of President Cleveland and that of President Roosevelt towards the negro question. Mr. Cleveland treated the negro with all needful consideration, but he never treated him as a social equal, nor did President McKinley. The latter, it is said, appointed more negroes to office than President Roosevelt has done. But Mr. McKinley did not defy the whole South and did not force the negro upon the South in an offensive manner. Little was said about negroes in the White House in Mr. Cleveland's time, or in Mr. McKinley's time, because everybody knew how these gentlemere incidents in official life and with-

out significance. But President Roosevelt entertained a negro at his private table and received him as a social equal. After that he appointed negroes to positions where they would have to come in daily inter-course with large numbers of whites, and appointed them because they were negroes, in recognition of the negro race and in defiance of the whites. In short. Mr. Roosevelt has determined, as far as he can to wine out the color line.

If our Tazewell contemporary does not see the difference between the acts of President Cleveland and the acts of President Roosevelt in relation to this question, it must be blind indeed, and we are not willing to pursue the discus-

North Carolina has not yet voted money for an exhibit at the St. Louis Fair, and it is evident that the business men of the State are getting uneasy about the apparent indifference of the Legislature. The Chamber of Commerce of Raleigh ras issued an appeal to the General As sembly and to the business organization in the other towns of the State to be up and doing. At former expositions throughout the country the old North State has stood up in the front rank of up-to-date exhibitors, surpassing most of her Southern sisters in the size and variety of exhibits. The State has been profited greatly by these fine exhibits of her resources, and surely she is not go ing to take a second rate position now.

There will be a gathering of non-resident North Carolinians at Greensboro in October next. It will be a reunion of the natives of the State who have wandered to other parts of the country and to other climes, a celebration of several days, something on the order of the "old home" days that have become so popular in New England in late years. Hon. Joe Cannon of Illinois, the prospective Speaker of the National House of Representatives, who is a native of the State, has already announced his acceptance of the invitation to be one of the guests of honor. Other distinguished citizens of various States will improve this opportunity to go back to the land that gave them birth and re joice again in being a "Tarheel" for a few days anyhow.

The egg trust, which has carried thing

its own way in the West for the last year, is "busted," thanks to the indus try of the hens and a favorable spell of weather. In Chicago eggs are now selling wholesale at fifteen cents per dozen, which is thirteen cents less than the price which ruled a year ago, and is a much cheaper figure than has prevailed in any prelyous February in recent years.

Archbishop Farley, of the Catholic Dioese of .. ew York, backs up the President in arguing that large families are blessing and that doctrine, he says, is the teaching of his church. "Any vio- Virginia was done in Richmond.

lation of that end," he adds, "is oriminal-mortally oriminal No Catholio can be a practical Catholic who does not take this view of the obligations contracted in the sacrament of matrimony." Another thing the archbishop says which is certainly true also-to wit, that it is not the very poor, but the well-todo and rich, who are most hostile to hav-

ing large families. The epidemic of typhoid fever at Ithaca, N. Y., has claimed seventeen victims so far, but is now on the decline. Then have been sixty cases at Cornell University and six of the seventeen deaths were of students. The prevalance of the fever is attributed by the Health Board to the impurity of the water supply. The consensus of official opinion is that the contamination came from a gang of Italian laborers who were employed months ago to build a new dam at the water works. Water is supplied to Ithica by a private corporation, which has a contract with the city.

While the G. A. R. people up North were passing resolutions the other day expressing their objections to Virginia placing a statue of General Lee in the Sintuary Hall at Washington, the Legislature of Texas was unanimously pass ing the following:

"Resolved, That when this House adthe memory of Abraham Lincoln, this being the ninety-fourth anniversary of the birth of that unique man of American history, whom all nations call statesmar here and martyr."

Mr. John S. Wise is at it again and has been telling the Northern people that Virginia's public men have deteriorated and deteriorated until they have no influence in public affairs. Be that as it may, thank heaven they have not fallen so low as Mr. Wise has fallen.

The big snow the Chesterfield prophe arranged for the fourth anniversary of the February, 1899, blizzard, turned to rain in transit,

Here is to your health, Secretary Cor telyou! May you prove a trust smasher and a labor trouble settler from 'way back.

Forged checks on J. Pierpont Morgan would not pass over here. We know his business ways better than they do in

The statehood bill is getting to be a great jockey, displaying a willingness to ride any old appropriation bill that comes in on the Senatorial track.

Senator Morgan is evidently trying to mend the Panama business clear out of the water.

Would it not be in order for Senator Hanna's ex-slave pension bill to be voted on "by request?"

Anyhow, Mr. Rockefeller didn't add any postscripts about incinerating those tel New York is preparing to give "Elijah"

Dowle a royal reception, just to make Chicago feel jealous. Mr. Cleveland has fine weather for changing his Florida fishing jaunt into

nough for you?

The miners think President Baer's slidng scale is a little too slippery. Publicity has done its perfect work in

killing off anti-trust bills, anyhow. Cross-examinations are often very fa-

Let us hope that the Campbell case will

not be unnecessarily drawn out. This is the day set apart for Norfolk

With a Comment or Two. The brethren of the Virginia Press As-sociation had possession of a good part of Richmond yesterday. Their invasion of Florida will be pacific.—The Times-

to try to be dry once more.

Dispatch.
We are sorry to see the implication that the invasion of Richmond by our brethren of the Virginia Press Association was not pacific.—Harrisonburg Free Press.

Didn't you know that Virginia editors have unlimited privileges in Richmond

wish? A whole week has clapsed since our Richmond contemporaries have an-nounced a gubernatorial candidate. Smoke

up, gentlemen, there are several more citizens left.-Fredericksburg Star Be patient, they will reach Fredericksburg in due time.

Notwithstanding Virginia has abolished klassing the Bible, there will be many in the Old Dominion to continue to sweat by the book.—Cincinnati Commercial-

But Virginia refuses to abolish the Bible kissing law.

Virginia can never hope to become presperous agricultural State until this subject of road improvement is settled in a way consonant with twentieth century ideas and methods.—Newport News Press.

State in spite of bad roads, but just thin's how much more prosperous she would be if she had as good roads as some of the Northern States

The Richmond Times-Dispatch is will-The Richmond Times-Displaten is willing to put up with one more "final tour"
of Pattl, if she will put up a guarantee
that it will be a final one. There's little
likelihood of her doing anything of the
kind. The time may come when she will
need money, and then she will come after
it.—Montgomery Advertiser. And she will always get it, whether

she uses the "farewell" racket or some John S. Wise seems to be trying to out-

do that other sensational Virginian, the negro Hayes.—Atlanta Journal. But James is staying by him.

The war being waged against gamblers by the authorities of Charlotte, may attract much attention and comment, yet that town is probably no worse in this particular than many ther towns in the State.—Durham Herald.

True very true Some months

True, very true, Some months ago one would have judged from reading outof-town papers that all the gambling in

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is not only always beautiful, but always thoroughly adapted to its purpose and therefore of recognized utility. The trade-mark guarantees its sterling quality and yet itscost is always moderate.



All responsible jewelers keep it

Grend of Thought In Dixio Land

Savannah Press: There is one good thing about the Senatorial daddick in Dela-ware; the State is not suffering from a plethora of ill-considered laws turned out by the current session of the Legislature

Birmingham Age-Herald: Captain Hobson is considered in Boston on the road to Congress from an Alabama district. Dis-tance does not lend accuracy to the view.

It is decidedly to the credit of Judge Alon B. Parker that he has so phomptly leclined all invitations to functions of which his Presidential boom as the Dem-ocratic nomines in 1904 would be the central speciacle.

Dallas News; If The Hague peace court really amounts to a hill of beans it should lead to a demand for smaller ar-mies and less protentious navies. Such is he design upon which it was established

Birmingham News: Nevertheless, if the Democratic party cannot count upon Mr. Bryan as an ally, it must prepare to wage the battle without he assistance. The cause of the party transcends per-sonal ambition even as the existence of the party has survived the lives of its most illustrious leaders.

New Orleans Times-Democrat: There is no opportunity for the "mairiculation" of a negro printer in a Southern city, and there is no prospect of a change of conditions in years to come. Not only is there no chance for the negro printer within the ranks of union printers in the South, but the non-union printers would also refure to work with him. It is eminently unfair that industrial schools should teach trades that cannot be followed, and if they wish to retain their reputation for fair dealing, they should stop it. New Orleans Times-Democrat:

Personal and General.

Historical interest attaches to the Anderson farm, which has been bought by General Nelson A. Miles. During the Revolution the soldiers burned beacon lights on the summit of the high hill, previous to the battle of White Plains.

Father Edmund Goetz, a famous South last fourteen months conferring with American scientists, has sailed for Franc where he will secure Instruments and pro-ceed to Rhodesia, South Africa, to esablish the first reliable observatory in that country.

Representative Bankhead, of Alabama was making his annual speech for the appropriation for the Southern fast mail. 'All it will cost,' he said, 'is the sum of \$143.787.75." 'You' seem to know all about it,' interrupted Representative "Hank" Smith, of Michigan. "I do." rouled Perresentative Routhand "Well. replied Representative Bankhead. "Well, then ,what is that 75 cents for?" "Axie grease," said Bankhead, promptly.

Among the Slavs much honor is paid to literary celebrities. A Polish poetess, Marya Konopincka, was recently feted in magnificent fashion on the occasion of her twenty-fifth literary anniversary. Delegations came from a distance to pay her honor, and a substantial evidence of admiration came in the shape of a country house which was presented to her. A public library was founded in her name.

Mrs. Elkins, wife of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, will erect a threestory stone building at Elkins, W. Va., for the use of the Young Men's Christian Associa-

Paris is about to add to its literary attractions by opening a Victor Hugo museum. It is to be established in one of the quaint Louis Treize houses still surviving on the Place des Vosges, which was inhabited by the poet while he was yet the young lion of "Hernani."

Abe Slupsky, whose name is almost as familiar to the reading public as that of the Honorable Dink Botta, has resigned the office of collector of rates in the St. Louis water commissioner's of-

North Carolina Sentiment.

The Wilson News is dumfounded. It says: "Mr. Hiss did not exactly hiss when the Charlotte postmastership was offered him, but he declined it, nevertheless, and for doing so we must think he is a new kind of a Republican."

Discussing the proposition to increase the President's salary to \$100,000 per year, the Wilmington Star says: "We do not believe in parsimony nor do we believe in empty, senseless pomp that simply apes the glided pomp of royalty, which depends much upon that to maintain its prestige,"

Referring to Judge Roger A. Pryor Referring to Judge Roger A. Pryors article on Lincoln, the Charlotte Observer Pays: "If Lincoln had been remembered and followed, we would have had no Vick Crum and Indianola sensations Let Lincoln be listened to, and then the land will have rest."

The Raleigh Post is a little inclined t boast of Carolina's salubrious climate. I

says: "Our Northern friends who have been "Our Northern friends who have been spending the winter in North Carolina have cause to congratulate themselves upon their coming. The weather, with but few days' exception, has been simply charming and delightfully healthfulthe more charming and delightful when compared with the storms and bilzzards which have been frequent throughout the North."

The Roanoke-Chowan Times:
"The recent contest for the United
States Senatorship made many advocates
for a legalized primary. Let us hope that
in the future Senators will be relected
by primaries, or better still, by direct vote
of the people."

The Durham Herald figures it out this

way:
"If the sensible negro will sit down and
think it over he will not be able to ree
where it would benefit the race if the
President should appoint a few hundred
of them to office and invite every mother's
won of them to dinner."

An Hour With The Henry Bulletin variable in Ambers

Amherst county has been getting a con-siderable amount of free advertising dur-ing the past few months, and if half of the testimony is correct she needs a new deal and almost a complete change of of-ficers, from judge to justice of the peace.

The Norfolk Ledger says:

Now we'll have a chance to get even with the writers of those Northern histories—when that big class of sohe l-boy come South at Easter. And won't those boys be astonished when they learn what fielden they have been taking in as fact—the Virginia-Monitor story, for instance

The Southside Sentinel says:
No, don't put the statue of General Lee or any other Southern man in the Hall under the circumstances. Let the place given to us remain vacant rather than fill it under protest from those who louding continually act in such ways as to percetuate it.

The Fineastle Herald says:

But General Lee doesn't need these things. He erected, by his noble deeds, a monument in the hearts and memories of Southern patriots that will be more lasting than any artificial structure in the power of man to build, and which his enemies can never destroy.

The Roanoke Times thinks the editorial tourists from Virginia will find no better weather in Florida than in Virginia and

says: And won't they have lots to telling about sitting around with windows up and shud-dering at the thought of the cold weather left behind them in Virginia? Well, the joke will be on them when they find we have been doing the same thing. We doubt very much whether Florida can beat temperature of 72 on the 13th day of February.

Here is a remark from the Danville

Register:
"It is evidently fair to assume that John S, Wise has asked his own heart the question he propounded before a Boston audience, and that his mind is fully made up as to what course he would pursue in the event of a race conflict such as he is exerting himself to bring about. There is no room to doubt that his hatred of his native State is intense. Base resentment and other passions have swept through him, until they have

"Left him with a paisied heart, and left him with a jaundiced eye; Eye, to which all order festers, all things here are out of joint."

The Rockbridge County News, referring to Mr. Root's speech to the Union League

on the negro, says: The admitted failure of their first atempt should make them recognize its fol the wrongs of their own section and leave it to the people of this section to right the wrongs of theirs. With their efforts thus confined Mr. Root and his associates of the Union League will find no narrow field for their energies.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Every Fern is tucked and set, Neath coverlet.

Downy and soft and warm.
-Susan Coolidge.

Caution.

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"What!" cried the chief of detectives, "you say the man you saw had on the regulation striped suit?"

"Yes, sir." replied the new sleuth.

"Why, didn't you arrest him then? Couldn't you see he was the escaped convict we're after?"

"O! but you know, you can't always judge a man by his clothes,"—Philadelphia Press.

The Difference.

Here's the difference, I'm told,
'Twixt the new piedge and the old:
Temp'rance folk, opposed to treating,
Keep the piedge between their eating,
While converted Pat, methinks,
Keeps the same—between his drinks.
—London Tatler.

Hadn't Thought of it.

"Horace," indignantly asked the poli-tician's wife, "why don't you men who are running things use what you call your 'slush fund' to clean these horri-

ble streets?"

And he was slient. With all his wisdom and experience the idea had never occurred to him.—Chicago Tribune.

Some Folks.

Some folks air so fond of complainin',
They're powerful glad when it's rainin';
They mortally how!
For excuses to grow!,
But they never ketch fish when they're
seinin'!

-F. L. Stanton, in Constitution. Short Talks to the Legislature.

Glade Spring Journal: What is the matter with the Legislature of this State that it can't pass a law with reasonable promptness, which has for its object the inauguration of our old-time honest election methods. Do they want to advertise to all the world that, after all the racket we have had in making a new Constitution for the purpose of getting back to a situation where fraud and trickery and bribery could be eliminated, we are, after all, not so anxious for it.

Fredericksburg Free Lance: Away with such legislation. Give us laws that will help and not hinder the progress of the State. Safeguard the homes and business interest of the Commonwealth, Engo such legislation as will build up for us condition of uprightness and progressive-ness, but heaven forbig that the time shall come when Virginia shall become a dispenser of wet goods with officially appointed bartenders.

New Castle Record: We are New Casile Record: We are utterly dumfounded at the prospect of a defent of the Barksdale pure election bill. This is a measure that has received the encorsement of the people of this State with singular finanimity. We have been told again and again that the new Constitution has done away with every vestige of an excuse for fraud in elections, but there is the House of Delegates virtually saying that this business must continue in this State. in this State.

My Refuge.

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The day has been long and dreary,
With censeless patter of rain,
And the dragging hours have brought me
Only some heartache and pain.
As I turn my sad face homeward,
The night drops down from above,
And my heart is yearning, yearning,
For a touch of the arms I love—

The refuge to which I flee;
All day, 'mid the jar of the city,
I dream of them waiting for me—
Dream of their rest and their welcome,
After a dayline of care;
O, arms of my easy chair!
(Sara Beaumont Kennedy, in March
Smart Set 3.

The arms that have never falled me.

Smart Set.) Mark Hanna's Mark.

A record of eighteen dinners in eighteen days is charged against Senator Hanna, and not one of them was corn beef and cabbage or ham and eggs. Mr. Hanna must have a stomach equal to his gall.—Cincinnati Enquirer.



DAILY CALENDAR-FEB. 16TH. 1748-Detective Gibson gave a friend

cigar. 1948—He hasn't done se since.

We wish to call to the attention of our friends, the polite midnight marauders, the fact that the key to our kitchen door has been broken.

In future when our midnight friends wish to enter our palatial home after we retire, we hope they will not go to the trouble of breaking a window, or cutting a slat out of the blinds.

Don't try to climb into the second story window, either, with a ladder, for you might disturb our slumbers, and we night take you for somebody else, and shoot with that British bull-dog that Justice John took from a burly negro and gave us one day in the Police Court.

Whenever our friends wish to go through our home, and look at the beautiful pictures on our walls, we hope they will simply turn the knob of the back kitchen door and walk right in. They will find some matches in a little box on the wall between the range and the safe.

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Please don't strike the matches on the wall; use your trousers.

For the wall was whitewashed about five years ago, and we do not wish to disfigure it any more.

There are various pencil marks and things on the wall now.

There is a mat at the door with the word "Welcome" on it.

If it is a wet night when you come please wipe your feet on the mat. Don't take it away. We might need it.

We are now in a position to lend our text door neighbor some fresh eggs. A friend of ours, who lives in the back-woods, has sent us a red rooster and three

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Ever since we can remember we have been a devotee of scrambled eggs and corn-bread, and now we have reached the arms of our biles!

If somebody don't steal those three rooters and a chicken, we hope to have custard pudding for next Sunday's dinner, and we hereby respectfully decline to accept eny invitations out to dinner next Eurday's

next Ew day. See that young lady Coming up the street! She has red cheeks And sparkling

Eyes.
She smiles, all conscious
Of her pretty teeth and
The dimple in her chin.
What cares she for the
Dreadful rain. See, also, that Body of men In the rear with glasses on And lelsure tread.
They do not care for the
Rain, too.
For the pretty girl
Wears red hose.

Now you take Harn White, He's a good Samaritan, or something, and as we sat around our festive board, with one of the Barefooted Six in our lap, spreading molasses all over our whiskers, and mashed potatoes in our vest pecket, we felt that we were as good as a king.

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Mr. Ham White, unbeknownst to us, sent us a Rex ham, or something like that, and when we went home with our little envelope and showed it to the lady who handles our finances, she said we wouldn't have to the lady.

who handles our finances, she said we vouldn't have to get no meat for dinincr, for we had a harn.

"We'll take that \$4.50 you have in the
envelope and get the children some candy
next week," she said.

"No; we'll take it down town and use
it to good advantage," we said.

Anyway, we are glad Mr. White thought
of us in connection with that ham, for
a Rex ham is a good thing to have around
the house.

Or any other old ham. H. T.

As to Oyster Laws.

No step taken in oyster matters would find unanimous endorsement, and it is not to be supposed that any so important shortening the season free of criticism. We are firmly convinc ed, however, that the opposition to it is not a majority sentiment. Equally true and very fortunate—no particular class as a unit opposes or favors the proposition. Tongmen and planters are to be found on both sides. But we are just as firmly convinced that no move could be made that would redound to so much good to oyster interests as the taking off Sectember and taril would

good to object interest as the taking on September and April would, There seems to be little objection to dropping April, the main objection being to leaving off September. It is in this latter month that the oyster suffers most, and oystermen do not begin to derive a benefit anything like equal to the damage

and oystermen do not begin to derive a benefit anything like equal to the damage done. The young oyster has hardly set before he is grappled with, and his thin, papery shell roughly detached from the parent shell or other object. A large percentage of them are thus destroyed.

Again, the price of oysters is "way down" during September and the oysters then taken would be larger and bring a better price if left for the October catch.

A most important reason, though why September should be excluded is that the larger part of the tongmen, particularly early in the season, is composed of negroes that have flocked to the shores from the interior. After the middle of August it is a practical impossibility for farmers to procure this class of laborand at its most important season. So a two-fold injury is done the material interests of our Tidewater country by an early opening of the oyster season—the oyster is more materially damaged in the early fall than at any other time, and the farming interests are fearfully handicapped. In fact, our agricultural industry has almost become a nonentity, hardly more than a name.

We are fully aware that in advancing such views we tread upon the chear market of September to lay in their winter stock, and upon the corns of some tongmen who work only for what is in sight, little caring what betides the future. But a calm, dispassionate view of the sluation, from a vantage ground that we hold—being in the hot-bed of both

sign, ture. But a calm, dispassionate view of the situation, from a vantage ground that we hold—being in the hot-bed of both tonging and planting industries—incites us to beg the Legislature to eliminate both September and April from the tongboth September and April from the tong-ing season, it might be well for that body to bear in mind that it is but a reasonable supposition ...at the gentle-men who appear before it in opposition to cutting off September are spurred on by personal interests, as recited above, and that the men who are not directly engaged in the business, but who may have a good command of the situation and view it to the joint benefit of both and view it to the joint benefit of both our land and water interests, with ne axe to grind, are in better position to judge the "weal" and the "wea." There is hardly sufficient incendive for these latter to appear, at expense, before our legislative committees.

We reiterate that no step taken by the Legislative could result in more good to the cyster industry—to say nothing of the agricultural—than would be that of cutting our September from the cyster season.—The Irvington Citizen.

What'll He Do With It?

Mr. Roosevett has his desired department of commerce bill, with compulsory "publicity" for the corporations in it. House and Senate have acceded to his wishes. It is an open secret that there was reluctance at both ends of the Capitol, but Mr. Roosevelt has prevailed.— Hartford Courant